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Sri S. JAYARAMA REDDIAR :—" சுப்ரீம் கோர்ட்டிலே ஸ்டே வாங்கி ரொம்ப நாளாகிவிட்டது. இன்னும் அதிக காலதாமதம் ஆகுமென்று எதிர்ப்பார்க்கப்படுகின்றது. சில கமிட்டிகளில் ஒருவித வேலை இல்லாமல் இருந்தபோதிலும்கூட சர்க்கார் பெரிய உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களை நியமித்தி ருக்கிறார்கள். அவர்கள் மேல் குற்றம் சொல்வதற்கில்லை. உண்மை யிலே வேலையில்லை. ஆகவே அப்படிப்பட்ட ஆபீசர்களை வேறு இடங்களுக்கு மாற்றுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் இன்னும் சில விவரமான விஷயங்களைத் தெரிவித்தால், நான் அதைப்பற்றி கவனிக்கிறேன்."

Sri K. PARTHASARATHY :—" In the early stage of the formation of the committee, in establishing the markets and enforcing the laws they have to act fearlessly and without showing favour to anybody. So, it is desirable to have nominated members for a longer period than that existing at present. Further, holding elections and preparation of electoral rolls involve too much cost in the initial stages. So, taking all these circumstances into consideration, will the Government consider the desirability of having nominated members for a longer term than at present?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government will examine all these aspects after the litigation is over."

Major Irrigation Schemes for Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 1770 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 986, dated 24th July 1953—

(*a*) how many of the major irrigation schemes mentioned therein have been sanctioned and how many are under execution;

(*b*) how many have been rejected; and

(*c*) the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Three have been sanctioned of which one has been executed, another is under execution and the third is yet to be taken up for execution. Two others are pending sanction. The three others have been rejected on account of doubtfulness of utility, possible objections from ryots lower down and poor food value."

Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know what are the schemes which have been dropped?"

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (1) Construction of an anicut across Kallar river and excavation of channels, (2) diversion of Vannankuli odai and formation of a reservoir and (3) raising the F.T.L. of Keelanathan Adian eri."

Extent of reserved forests.

* 1771 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri K. Aranganathan is not in his seat the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the extent of reserved forest in Madras State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" 8,634 square miles."

Veeranam tank, Chidambaram taluk.

* 1772 *Q.*—SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the maximum storage capacity of the Veeranam tank in Chidambaram taluk;

(*b*) the ayacut of the above tank;

(*c*) whether the tank has silted up; and

(*d*) what is its present capacity?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) 1,447 m.c. feet.

" (*b*) 45,134 acres.

" (*c*) Yes, to some extent.

" (*d*) The information is not readily available."

SRI G. VAGHEESAM PILLAI :—" சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திலே பெரிய தொரு ஏரி இல்லாததாலும், மேலும் முன்பிருந்ததைவிட இப்போது இதற்கு ஆயக்கட்டு அதிகரித்திருப்பதாலும், மேலும் இப்போது தூர்ந்திருப்பதாலும், கனம் மராமத்து இலாகா மந்திரி அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து இந்த வேலையை ஆரம்பிக்க முயற்சிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The capacity still remains to be the same. Only the extent of silting has not yet been correctly assessed. It is being done."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Sir, have Government any proposal to desilt the tank, since it is admitted there is certain amount of silting? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The matter is being looked into."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" Last year there was a breach in this Veeranam tank because the water was too much. In view of this fact, will the Government come forward to give permission to start some irrigation schemes in Udayarpalayam taluk where permission was previously denied stating that the tank is not having water to its full capacity? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no information. A separate question may be put."

Prohibition cases in Thirumangalam village.

* 1773 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member is not in his seat the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."